

Partners For Fish and Wildlife

In 2001, 671 acres of longleaf pine and 582 acres of native grasses were restored in Alabama with creative partnerships formed through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program.

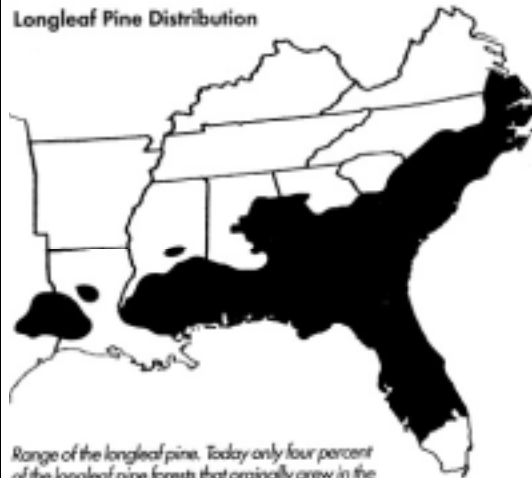


"We need to recognize the landowner as the custodian of public game on all private land... compensate him... with either cash, service, or protection, for the use of his land and for his labor... on the condition that he... safeguards the public interest."

Aldo Leopold



Longleaf Pine Distribution



Range of the longleaf pine. Today only four percent of the longleaf pine forests that originally grew in the Coastal Plain of North America remain.



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What is Partners for Fish and Wildlife?

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on their property. The program focus is to restore vegetation and hydrology to historic conditions. Habitat is provided for migratory and resident waterfowl, wading birds, songbirds, fish and a host of other wildlife.

Who's Eligible?

Basically, anyone interested in restoring wildlife habitat on their land can become a "partner." Partners include:

- Farmers
- Ranchers
- Corporations
- Businesses
- Private organizations
- Educational institutions
- Conservation organizations
- State agencies



What Types of Projects are Funded?

Cropland, pasture, or wet areas which have been previously drained or altered are all potential project sites. There are no restrictions on project size and areas from 5 to 2000 acres have been restored through the program. Normally, landowners restore unproductive areas of cropland or pasture or areas which are too wet to farm efficiently. Partner projects are typically designed to restore fish and wildlife habitat to historic conditions. Plans may include:

- Planting longleaf pine and native grasses and legumes to restore the longleaf ecosystem.
- Restoring native prairie by planting native grasses and legumes.
- Controlled burning to restore the longleaf ecosystem and pine savannahs.
- Controlled burning to restore pitcher plant bogs.
- Planting trees to restore bottomland hardwoods or swamp.
- Installing water control structures, plugging ditches, or building levees to restore hydrology on drained or partially drained areas.
- Protecting and / or restoring riparian areas.
- Moist-soil management / wood duck nest boxes in conjunction with other restoration measures.

How does the Program work?

Landowners interested in habitat restoration should contact us to schedule a site visit. A biologist will contact you to schedule a visit to determine if your site is suitable for restoration. A restoration plan is developed and the project is submitted for funding. If your project is accepted, you could:

- Receive up to 100% funding for project expenses.
- Receive financial assistance from other groups (state agencies, conservation districts, other Federal programs).
- Financial or in-kind contribution from the landowner is not mandatory but may aid in project selection. Most importantly, landowners do not forfeit property rights and control all activities such as hunting, fishing, camping and trespass.



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